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John,  
Attached is the presentation you gave to Dave in January along with the NEP Meeting talking points below. Please let me know if you need anything else.

Katherine

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### **OWOW**

- OWOW's own geography has changed in the last year at a minimum with the merging and recombination of our oceans and wetlands programs → yielded our Partnership Programs Branch in a Division that includes NEPs, Freshwater & Marine Regional Programs, Oceans & Coastal Management Programs, and Wetlands Program Development and Jurisdiction Branch.
- Reaffirmed our OWOW Mission: OWOW is a leader in national efforts to protect and restore freshwater, coastal, and marine ecosystems. We use science and implement the Clean Water Act and other programs in collaboration with states, tribes, federal agencies, and partners to:
  - Understand and communicate the quality of the Nation's waters
  - Plan for and fund restoration of impaired waters and protection of high-quality waters
  - Protect, restore, and preserve the aquatic environment from pollution
  - Manage and monitor ocean and coastal health
  - Facilitate monitoring and assessment of waters and watersheds
  - Apply a watershed approach to prioritize actions for addressing stressors that affect waters in a geographic area
- Half-dozen key challenges/issues (OWOW Hot Topics) that will help provide context for the important work of the NEPs include:
  - Waters of the United States
  - Nutrients & Hypoxia Task Force
  - CWA □404 Permitting Issues/Infrastructure
  - CWA □303(d) TMDL and Listing Program Challenges
  - State Assumption of CWA □404 Program
  - Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill - (Expenses under NRDA)

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